

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4047

Introduced by

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Representative R. Kelsch

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the short-term and long-term
2 impact of federal education legislation, and other direct and indirect mandates from whatever
3 sources, on the educational goals and fiscal well-being of school districts.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of North Dakota provides that the Legislative Assembly
5 shall provide for "the establishment and maintenance of a system of public schools which shall
6 be open to all children of the state"; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of North Dakota provides that the Legislative Assembly
8 shall take "steps as may be necessary to prevent illiteracy, secure a reasonable degree of
9 uniformity in course of study, and to promote industrial, scientific, and agricultural
10 improvements"; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the enactment of federal legislation such as the Goals 2000: Educate
12 America Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act, the Elementary and Secondary Education
13 Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Safe Schools Act, the Refugee Assistance Act, and the
14 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, among others, together with the development of
15 state accreditation standards, has significantly impacted the ability of local school districts to
16 determine a course of education and to deliver a course of education to their students;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
18 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

19 That the Legislative Council study the short-term and long-term impact of federal
20 education legislation, and other direct and indirect mandates from whatever sources, on the
21 educational goals and fiscal well-being of school districts; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council appoint a committee having
23 broad-based representation among urban and rural and small, medium, and large school
24 districts to pursue this study; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.